



- **The Biden administration must act and work with Congress to maximize immediate and long-term domestic energy production to secure our country and support our allies.**
  - Our allies in Europe are [already facing](#) an energy crisis and the Russian invasion of Ukraine will exacerbate its impact.
  - We must learn from our allies who ended domestic energy production at the request of extremist environmental groups and now are [reliant on Russia](#), an adversary, for the energy necessary to sustain their economies.
  - As the world is plunged into [crisis](#), stable and thriving domestic energy production is [critical](#) to America's national security.
- **America has abundant natural resources providing the capability to make us energy independent and to be a major supplier of energy to our allies.**
  - Under the Trump administration, the U.S. became energy independent and thrived. In [2019](#), we became the world's number one producer of oil. American energy exports reached an all-time high, marking the first time in 67 years that America's annual gross energy exports exceeded gross our [imports](#).
  - At the end of the Trump administration, gas prices averaged \$2.38 per gallon versus \$3.53 per gallon [now](#) under President Biden.
  - Releases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), as the Biden administration [conducted](#) in November of 2021, did nothing to [prevent a spike in energy prices](#). The SPR is supposed to be used for national security emergencies, not for Biden to use when his policies fail.
- **America produces energy using technology and processes that are among the cleanest, safest, and most efficient in the world, yet President Biden has consistently acted to kill American energy production and increase our reliance on [energy from places like Russia](#).**
  - In January 2021, President Biden issued an executive order suspending all oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters. While a federal judge ruled the leasing bans to be illegal, Biden's administration has issued ZERO new leases on federal lands. Biden's actions will create a massive shortfall in future domestic energy supplies, increasing America's reliance on Russia and other OPEC+ countries.
  - In [May](#) 2021, President Biden removed sanctions against Nord Stream 2, which were previously put in place by former President Trump. Biden's actions came after his administration blocked the Keystone XL Pipeline, which could be supplying [830,000](#) thousand barrels of oil from Canada to U.S. refineries. In February 2022, President Biden reversed course and reimposed the Trump sanctions, [noting](#) the "overwhelming incentive to move away from Russian gas..."

- **Americans will suffer the consequences of the Biden administration's decision to make the U.S. dependent on Russia to heat our homes and fill up our gas tanks amidst rising energy prices and record inflation.**
  - In 2021, under President Biden, Russian oil and petroleum product [imports](#) to our nation hit an all-time high. At current oil prices of more than \$100 per barrel, U.S. consumers are buying \$50 to \$70 million PER DAY from Russia.
  - This week, oil hit a seven year [high](#) at more than \$100 per with no end in sight. [President Biden did not sanction Russian energy](#) because the United States is not producing domestic energy to our full potential and is reliant on Russia to make up the shortfall.
- **President Biden and his administration must remove the costly policy roadblocks they have created, which have driven up energy costs to crisis levels and are [directly funding Putin's war crimes in Ukraine](#).**
  - President Biden and his administration must permit new infrastructure, provide certainty to investors in domestic energy projects, and look at ways to reduce the burden of bureaucratic red tape for permitting.
- **The U.S. must also reduce our dependence upon China, Russia and other adversaries for our supply of critical minerals.**
  - Just last month, the Biden administration [cancelled the leases of the Twin Metals Project](#) in Northern Minnesota, which could serve as a major source of critical minerals needed to for our modern economy.
  - [The Duluth Complex](#), where the Twin Metals Project is located, could constitute 95 percent of our nickel reserves, 88 percent of our cobalt resources, and 75 percent of our platinum resources.
- **House Democrats have consistently pushed legislation in lock step with the Biden administration to lock up our domestic energy and minerals and to make us [more dependent](#) on Russia, China, and other foreign adversaries for the very products we could produce at home, not only strengthening our national security and being able to aide our foreign allies, but also creating a robust economy for American workers.**
  - Democrats' policies imperil our national security, hurt our ability to aide our foreign allies, and deprive American workers of well-paying jobs and economic opportunity.
- **House Republicans are offering real solutions to lower energy prices and make America less dependent on our adversaries to meet our energy needs:**
  - The *American Energy Independence from Russia* [Act](#) (McMorris Rodgers and Westerman) reverses President Biden's disastrous anti-American energy policies, restarts the Keystone XL Pipeline, unleashes American LNG production and exports, and accelerates energy and minerals leasing and permitting on federal lands and waters.
  - The *Building U.S. Infrastructure through Limited Delays and Efficient Reviews (BUILDER)* [Act](#), (G. Graves), modernizes NEPA to make infrastructure project reviews more efficient, reduces project costs, spurs economic recovery, and rebuilds America.
  - The *Protecting Our Wealth of Energy Resources (POWER)* [Act of 2021](#) (H.R. 543) (Herrell) prohibits the administration from blocking energy or mineral leasing and permitting, or from issuing mineral withdrawals on federal lands and waters without congressional approval.
  - The *America Energy First* [Act](#) (H.R. 4334) (Scalise) reforms onshore and offshore energy leasing and permitting processes.
  - The *American Critical Minerals Independence* [Act](#) (H.R. 2637) (Waltz and Gosar) streamlines permitting of critical minerals production.